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The first Turkish Minister to China, Mr. E. Menali Sipahi, who arrived in Chungking with Madame Sipahi December 21st, is expected to present his credentials this morning. Upon his arrival, Mr. Sipahi was quoted by Central News as saying that, "The sympathy of the Turkish People is decidedly with China. They earnestly hope that China's final victory, her national rejuvenation and a lasting peace in the Far East will be achieved at an early date". Under date of December 25th, however, Central News stated that "due to linguistic difficulties" there had been "some slight misunderstanding" as to what Mr. Sipahi had said; that he had said "He sympathized with China with regard to her gigantic national reconstruction work and did not express his opinion on any other topic"

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"semi-colonial" states; both have lost large portions of territory at the hands of aggressors; Turkey has regained her lost territory and achieved national reconstruction; China is in the process of doing the same thing. The TA KUNG PAO sees in the appointment of the Minister an indication of a belief in Turkey that China will win her war with Japan.

The Chilean Charge d'Affaires, Dr. Juan Marin, who arrived here with Madame Marin December 23rd, presented his letter of credence yesterday afternoon.

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